PRESSING FLATS

You wanna sleep on my chest?
You wanna listen to my heart beat
all through the night?
It's the only jazz station
with a twenty-four-hour signal,
if you wanna listen.

If you answer yes
I expect you to be able
to sleep in a pit of cobras.
You should be willing
to destroy your enemy
if it comes to that.
If you have a weapon.
If you know how to use your hands.

You should be able to distinguish
oppression from pleasure.
Some pleasure is oppression
but then, that isn't pleasure, is it?
Some drugs induce pleasure
but isn't that oppression?

If you're immobilized you're oppressed.
If you're killing yourself you're oppressed.
If you don't know who you are
you're pressed.